

WE DO THINGS, SAYS MR. TAFT

A Party of True Progress Is
Not a Party of Radical-
ism or of Standstill.

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Eliminate Federal Officeholders
From Politics—No Tariff Re-
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the "piecemeal" or "pork barrel" system of river and harbor improvement. New Mexico and Arizona were advanced toward abolition.

A peace commission was authorized. An investigation into business methods of conducting the government was begun. The appropriations for the current year were cut \$2,000,000 below the appropriations of the year before.

The tariff was revised without the usual disturbance of business. Because of its revenue methods and the tariff commission, but I have directed him not to make that statement until after the election, because in so far as possible I desire the tariff commission from its very inception to be kept free from the vicissitudes of partisan politics, so that it will gain the respect and the confidence of the whole country regardless of party lines.

Finally since the bill passed I have recommended and nearly every Republican candidate for congress and Republican State platforms generally have declared that hereafter when the tariff shall be revised by the tariff commission, it shall be revised on a schedule at a time instead of by a general revision of the entire tariff.

We have provided the machinery for a further revision of the protective principle when the necessary information has been secured in my judgment the country will hesitate before entrusting a further revision of the tariff to the Democratic party on free trade or tariff for revenue principles. That party has not within our memory revised the tariff without creating profound business disturbance and its revision was immediately repudiated by the country after a short but bitter experience.

I have this summarily stated the Republican accomplishments of a short eighteen months. Everything foreshadowed in our platform, however, there was not time to consider and carry out.

PROGRESS TO BE CARRIED OUT. We agreed to adopt measures for the improvement of our foreign merchant marine, which will stimulate the business in condition of dependence on a foreign country of our size and power.

We agreed to pass a law embodying the best practice in the issuing of injunctions and restraining orders. We agreed to pass a law embodying the best practice in the issuing of injunctions and restraining orders. We agreed to pass a law embodying the best practice in the issuing of injunctions and restraining orders.

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general business a power that sometimes makes one tremble. The personnel of the commission becomes therefore as important as that of our highest courts. The responsibility of the executive in the appointment of the Commissioners is a heavy one. A trend or bias of mind on the part of a member is dangerous. The judicial quality of each should be high.

VOTER MUST BE CHANGED IF DIRECT REPARATIONS ARE TO WORK PERMANENT GOOD. We have said to the railways and their stockholders, "We cannot trust to competition, and we cannot trust to the fixing of proper rates." Having created a tribunal with power to settle what rates are to be for the purpose of using their influence to prevent injustice to their employers by oppressive legislation or oppressive regulation under the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Fifteen years ago the general control of legislation by corporate influence and corruption was far greater than it is today. The crusade initiated by Mr. Roosevelt and carried on during his term of office has resulted, first, in arousing the entire community to the necessity for reform, and second, in inducing many corporation managers to abandon methods that were questionable and to leave politics to other hands.

It was impossible to arouse the people to a just indignation at corrupt corporate control through machine and boss rule without having such a movement acquire an impetus that carries it to extreme views, and the electorate is now searching for a reform procedure under which bosses cannot live, machines can never control and corruption can never exert influence. Hence we have movements to eliminate the middleman in politics and to give popular sentiment a more immediate effect in government than perhaps would have been thought possible by our fathers. The existence of a popular impulse ought to relieve every patriot with the hope that it will be turned to a useful and permanent betterment of our politics. But however effective these suggested changes may prove at first, I venture to say that no great permanent good can come from them alone unless they are accompanied by a change in the individual voter and his awakening to the necessity for constant watchfulness and effort on his part to prevent the old evils from appearing in a new guise.

Every one will now admit that the Sherman anti-trust law, passed twenty years ago, and since amended to a great deal of the Federal construction is effective for the purpose of breaking up combinations that...

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SUCH READERS of this paper as may be thinking of renting apartments this Fall are advised that two fireproof HOME BUILDINGS of what the builder believes to be very unusual excellence are now approaching completion at 521 and 523 West 112th Street, on the North side of the street, five doors East of Broadway. Some of the apartments have been rented, and these will be finished about November 1st of this year. The balance will be finished as rapidly as possible, and those who are so fortunate as not to have made leases elsewhere have a chance to rent here and, if they desire, to make some variation in the arrangement, although we think a study of the plan will show that, excepting in minor details, the architects have left very little room for improvement in this respect.

The appearance of the buildings is distinctive. Some of those who have seen them have expressed the opinion that they are very beautiful. The entrances, which will be almost the last thing done, will, we believe, be as attractive as anything in town.

But it is the inside arrangement that the builder banks on. No plan like this has as yet been offered in the Cathedral Heights neighborhood. We know of a building where rents are \$17,000 per annum up, where the apartments are laid out on the same principle as that used here. But these buildings are divided into apartments of 6, 7 and 8 rooms, with 1 and 2 baths, priced from \$770 per annum up.

Of the plan we would say that entrance from the public hall to each apartment is into a reception room shaped like the entrance hall in a suburban house. From the reception room one gets immediate access to the living room, library and dining room, which are also grouped as in a suburban house—that is, a house with a yard around it. In one direction from the entertainment part of the house are located the masters' bedrooms on a private hall, and in the other direction are located the kitchens and servants' rooms. THERE ARE NO LONG HALLS IN THE APARTMENTS.

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Senators or the Congressmen in whose district they reside. All of these offices ought ultimately to be in the classified service. They would then be more efficiently and economically administered.

The giving up of the power of confirmation is a great concession from the Senate and we can perhaps not expect it to be made in respect to all local offices at once. I shall urge upon the Congress a change in the method of appointing postmasters, so that at least the 7,188 second and third class postmasters can be classified and taken out of the category of political patronage. We can then patiently push on for further progress toward an elimination of all local offices from the field of politics. This is, however, but the beginning of civil service reform. The problem is not merely to take on the employee through honest competitive examination but to maintain and to improve if possible the initial efficiency of that employee to infuse into his work the same zeal which he would display in private business.

A WARNING TO POSTMASTERS. We must also be on our guard against certain evils that have accompanied the giving of a permanent tenure to large classes of civil servants. Useful associations of classified civil servants have been at times perverted into combinations to force the Congress and the Executive against their better judgment unduly to increase their pay or reduce the burden of their duties. The general public is not aware of the existence and exercise of such influence and I do not hesitate to pronounce it a serious governmental danger that calls for wise legislative action.

I am now directing an inquiry into the efficiency and economy of the departments, the aim being to improve the service and lower the cost of government.

Our population has rapidly increased, our tax producing capacity has grown in proportion and the annual expenses of the Government under the new conditions that surround it has become greater by many millions. Let us have a little specific illustration. Let the Post Office Department alone take out of the people in taxes \$1,000,000 a year and spending it for the expenses of government. This is an enormous sum. The net expense of running this Government, derived from the proceeds of taxation, is about \$450,000,000 a year, not \$1,000,000,000 a year. The total of appropriations is not a true indication of the expenses derived from taxation. As an illustration I cite the Post Office Department. In addition to the net ordinary expenses of \$600,000,000 appropriated by Congress last year there was also appropriated for the expenses of the Post Office Department alone approximately \$250,000,000. But the postal revenues are practically equal to the postal expenditures and the burden of that Department upon taxpayers this year will therefore be practically nothing.

A REPLY TO GOV. HAMMOND. Our Democratic friends are saying that if it would reduce the expenses of this Government \$300,000,000. Do they mean that if the Democratic party would abolish the pension list? Do they mean that they would give up the navy and disband the army? Do they mean that they would abandon Porto Rico and the Sandwich Islands and the Philippines? Let us have a little specific illustration. What are such statements worth unless the gentlemen who make them give us the details of the expenditures that they criticize and expect to avoid if they are let into power, and become themselves the national government?

It is possible to save money in carrying on this Government and we are struggling in this administration to find out how modern principles of business organization and efficiency may be applied to a governmental structure that has been handed down for a hundred years and has never been reorganized with the idea of securing modern business economy. But it is hard work, and when one speaks of \$300,000,000 being saved each year in the ordinary conduct of the Government and when that saving is to be made under the direction of a party so lacking in everything that goes to make up business objectives and soundness of aim and view as the Democratic party, we may regard the statement as Pickwickian.

PRIMER FOR SARAOTGA CONVENTION. I cannot close these remarks without a reference to the action taken by our party in the State of New York during the present week. The cause of Republicanism has been heartened by a brave declaration of principle and by the nomination of an exceptionally satisfactory ticket with a candidate for Governor of the highest character and ability. Henry L. Stimson has been the powerful ally of good government in this administration and the last. He has been a terror to evildoers. I rejoice in his selection.

It is possible in such a government as ours to lose deserved popular approval through misrepresentation and misunderstanding. But mistakes of this kind are not permanent. Let us constantly remember that if we stick to our principles, if we perform our promises in the future as in the past when opportunity offers, if we stand shoulder to shoulder in the determination to carry on the work of progress as we have understood it, then because we are an effective and progressive party, because we do know how practically to carry on government, because we have principles by which we propose to stand in the face of victory or defeat, we shall certainly be continued in power.

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